

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/267,420

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/21/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-5,8,9,49-54 and 61.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 3/17/06
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other Interview Summary.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney David Baker on March 17, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims:

In **Claim 3**, line 1, please insert --(Currently Amended)-- before "The self-authenticating article".

In **Claim 4**, line 1, please insert --(Currently Amended)-- before "The self-authenticating article".

In **Claim 5**, line 1, please insert --(Currently Amended)-- before "The self authenticating article".

In **Claim 8**, line 1, please insert --(Currently Amended)-- before "The self authenticating article".

In **Claim 9**, line 1, please insert --(Currently Amended)-- before “The self authenticating article”.

Response to Amendment

1. Claims 3-5, 8, and 9 have been amended. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 10-48 and 55-60 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: No prior art of record discloses or fairly suggest a self authenticating article comprising: a substrate with a printable surface portion; a lenticular lens having a predetermined lens frequency and configured for optically decoding indicia viewed therethrough and attached to the substrate so that the lens positioned to overlies the printable surface to decode encoded indicia printed thereon; and the indicia comprising raster lines with a line frequency that is a multiple of the lens frequency, and wherein the raster lines forming a source image with deviations corresponding to the encoded

hidden indicia; and wherein the indicia is decodable through the use of a decoder having a decoding frequency corresponding to the predetermined line frequency; and including all of the other limitations of the independent claims.

Taylor et al as modified by Drinkwater et al is the closest prior art that is similar to applicant's invention. However, Taylor et al does not disclose wherein the indicia printed on the surface portion of the substrate comprises a plurality of raster lines having a line frequency that is a multiple of the lenticular lens frequency.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark T. Henderson whose telephone number is (571) 272-4477, and informal fax number is (571) 273-4477. The examiner can be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00AM to 3:45PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner Supervisor, Boyer Ashley, can be reached at (571) 272-4502. The formal fax number for TC 3700 is (571) 273-8300.



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